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NOTICE OF APPEAL FROM THE EXAMINER TO THE
BOARD OF PATENT APPEALS AND INTERFERENCES

Sir:

Applicant hereby appeals to the Board of Patent Appeals and Interferences from the decision of the examiner dated, June 22, 2001, rejecting the following claims 1, 4-11, 14-18.

The fee for this Notice of Appeal is (37 CFR 1.17(b)) \$310.00.

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(complete (a) or (b) as applicable)

The proceedings herein are for a patent application and the provisions of 37 CFR 1.136(a) apply.

() (a) Applicant petitions for an extension of time under 37 CFR 1.136 (fees: 37 CFR 1.17(a)-(d) for

() one month \$110.00
() two months \$390.00
() three months \$890.00
() four months \$1390.00

() The extension fee has already been filed in this application.

(X) (b) Applicant believes that no extension of term is required. However, this conditional petition is being made to provide for the possibility that applicant has inadvertently overlooked the need for a petition and fee for extension of time.

Please charge to Deposit Account 08-2025 the sum of \$310.00. At any time during the pendency of this application, please charge any fees required or credit any overpayment to Deposit Account 08-2025 pursuant to 37 CFR 1.25.

(X) A duplicate copy of this transmittal letter is enclosed.

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